

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1           1. (currently amended) A motor-vehicle bumper assembly  
2 comprising:

3           a horizontally and transversely extending rigid and  
4 generally U-shaped rail having a transversely extending inner wall  
5 closely juxtaposed in a normal motor-vehicle travel direction with  
6 a frame of a motor vehicle, a transversely extending outer wall  
7 turned away from the motor-vehicle frame and spaced farther there-  
8 from than the inner wall, and a horizontal wall extending horizon-  
9 tally between edges of the inner and outer walls; and

10           two crush cans spaced transversely apart and each having  
11           a first U-section element extending in the di-  
12           rection and having an inner end fixed to  
13           the frame and an outer end fixed to the  
14           inner rail wall, the first element lying  
15           mainly between horizontal planes extending  
16           in the travel direction from upper and  
17           lower edges of the inner rail wall;

18           a second U-section element nested with and  
19           mostly vertically offset from the respec-  
20           tive first element and having an inner end  
21           fixed to the frame and an outer end ex-  
22           tending longitudinally past the inner rail  
23           wall, the second element being mainly ver-

24 tically offset from a region between the  
25 horizontal planes, and  
26 an outer mounting plate fixed to the second-  
27 element outer end and to the outer rail  
28 wall.

1 2. (currently amended) The motor-vehicle bumper assem-  
2 bly defined in claim 1 wherein the rail is formed by  
3 a downwardly open upper U-profile having a pair of legs  
4 forming the inner and outer walls and a bight joining the legs and  
5 forming the horizontal wall and  
6 ~~another horizontal~~ a lower profile fixed between the  
7 legs.

1 3. (original) The motor-vehicle bumper assembly defined  
2 in claim 2 wherein the lower profile is of U-section and downwardly  
3 open.

1 4. (original) The motor-vehicle bumper assembly defined  
2 in claim 1 wherein each of the mounting plates is provided with a  
tow socket.

1 5. (currently amended) The motor-vehicle bumper assem-  
2 bly defined in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2 wherein the U-section profiles ele-  
3 ments are ribbed.

4           6. (currently amended) The motor-vehicle bumper assem-  
5 bly defined in claim 1 wherein the ~~plates~~ walls are each vertical.

1           7. (currently amended) The motor-vehicle bumper assem-  
2 bly defined in claim 1 wherein the ~~U-profiles~~ U-section elements of  
3 each can are open toward each other.

1           8. (currently amended) The motor-vehicle bumper assem-  
2 bly defined in claim 1 wherein the first profile U-section element  
3 of each can is below the respective second profile U-section  
4 element.